stipulated a condition for deduction of a specified sum in settlement of the loan account at the time of the maturity/payment of FDR. The party is reported to have protested against such stipulation. The bank has denied that its Green Park Extension Officials were harassing the party.

Exemptoin of excise duty on drug intermediates

3442. SHRI M. KADHARSHA:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:
SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rifa-S and 1-amino 4-Methyl Piperazine, drug intermediates are exempt from customs duty;

(b) if so, since when and what are the reasons for allowing exemption of customs duty on these intermediates;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these intermediates are being imported through shippers;

(d) what are the names of the parties which imported these intermediates during the last three years, yearwise along with the source of each import;

(e) what is the CIF price at which each intermediate was imported; and

(f) what was the quantity imported by each party yearwise during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) Rifampicin S and 1-amino 4-methyl piperazine were exempted from customs duty with effect from the 17th March, 1985. This exemption was granted to encourage indigenous production of Rifampicin which is used for the treatment of TB and leprosy.

(c) to (f) The Customs Department does not maintain importer and supplier wise statistics with regard to the import of individual drug intermediates.

Customs duty on the import of Rifa-SV

3443. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rifa-SV an intermediate being imported for production of bulk drug is exempted from customs duty;

(b) if so, on whose recommendation such an action was taken;

(c) what are the names of the companies which imported this intermediate during the last three years, yearwise;

(d) what was the quantity imported by each and what was the name of each supplier and the country from which imported; and

(e) what was the CIF price of each consignment during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) 3-formyl-Rifamycin SV was exempted from customs duty with effect from the 17th March, 1985. It is used in the manufacture of the anti-TB and anti-Leprosy drug, Rifampicin. This exemption was granted in the Budget for 1985-86.

(c) to (e) The Customs Department does not maintain importer and supplier wise stastics with regard to the import of individual drug intermediates.

Organisation of workshops to specialise women enterpreneurs in textiles and garments

3444. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of workshops being conducted to specialise the women entre-

prenuers in taxtiles and garments designing during the last two years by the State Trading Corporation;

(b) whether STC also proposes to conduct such type of workshops to specialise such women who have got vocational courses training, to have viability in export for textiles and garments; and

(c) whether State Trading Corporation is doing textile's export directly or on commission basis; if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) STC has not organised any workshop during the last two years to specialise women entreprenuers in textile and garment designing. There is also no proposal to conduct such workshops for specialising women who have got vocational courses training.

(c) STC does not export textiles directly. Exports of textile and garment items are made by STC through its associate exporters/suppliers. For such exports, STC receives service charges depending upon the nature of items exported.

Setting up of a Cashew Board

3445. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Cashew Board; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) A proposal for the setting up of a Cashew Board is under the consideration of the Government of India.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

Visit of World Bank Vice-President to Kerala and Rajasthan

3446. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the outcome of the visits by the Vice-President of the World Bank to Kerala and Rajasthan States; and

(b) whether Kerala State will be getting some additional funds as a result of his visit there and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Mr. Attila Karaosmanoglu, Vice President Asia Division, World Bank visited India from 18th to 31st January, 1989. During this period he visited Kerala from 22nd to 24th January, 1989 and Rajasthan from 26th to 29th January, 1989. The purpose of his visit was to acquaint himself with India's development programmes and policies. The specific project proposals of individual States were not discussed with him.

Classification of Ramanathapuram as 'C' Class City

3447. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ramanathapuram (Tamil Nadu) City satisfies the requirements for being declared as 'C' Class City;

(b) whether representations have been received from Central Government Employees' Coordination Committee, Ramanathapuram for declaring the Ramanathapuram City as 'C' Class City; and

(c) if so, what is Central Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) No, Sir.